

(Empowered Under Section 8 of Animal Rules 1962)

REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF BOVINE EMBRYOS INTO PENINSULAR MALAYSIA

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- a. A permit to import must be obtained from the Director General, Veterinary Services/Livestock Department of the importing country
- b. Permit will be issued for single consignment only, and the importer must supply the following information: breed, number of embryos required and name and address of exporter
- c. The permit and all the required certification must accompany the consignment to the importing country
- d. Donor animals in these conditions means female animals from which embryos are collected

2. IDENTIFICATION

- a. The identification of the donor, the semen used and the date of collection must be shown on the veterinary certificates accompanying the embryos
- b. All ampules and straws must be permanently marked with identification of the donor, the semen used and the date of collection

If a code is used for this information it must accompany each consignment

3. CERTIFICATION REQUIRED

All certification shall be made by a full time government veterinary officer

4. APPROVED CENTRE

The donors must be held at an approved embryo collection centre or at an approved farm of origin from the time of insemination until after completion of collection of the embryos. The centre or the farm of origin must be under the supervision of a veterinary surgeon and be approved by the Veterinary Authority of the country

5. HEALTH STATUS OF EXPORTING COUNTRY

No case of foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuro pneumonia, blue tongue and vesicular stomatitis has occurred in the exporting country during the twelve months prior to the collection of the embryos

6. HEALTH STATUS OF THE HERD OF ORIGIN OF THE DONOR ANIMALS

The approved embryo collection centre or the farm of origin of the embryos shall be certified :

- a. Not under official quarantine for the control of contagious animal diseases
- b. Free from Brucellosis and tuberculosis
- c. Free from clinical or other evidence of Johne's disease during the previous three years
- d. Free from clinical evidence of infectious bovine rhino tracheitis, trichomonas fetus or campylobacter fetus infection during the previous six months

7. SEMEN USED

The semen used to fertilise the embryos shall be derived from donor bulls that has been in the exporting country not less than 12 months prior to insemination and certified free of diseases as in (6) above

8. EXAMINATION OF ANIMALS

On the dates of collection of the embryos, the donor animals shall be examined and certified free from any clinical evidence of infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (balanoposthitis /infectious pustular vaginitis) or any infectious or contagious disease notifiable by order or regulation in the country

9. PRE AND POST COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS

- a. The embryos in the consignment are derived from donor animals which have been resident in the exporting country of a continuous period of at least 12 months immediately before the date of collection
- b. Only new or sterilised containers and fresh nitrogen not previously used for any other purpose may be used for the storage of the embryos. The embryos must be stored at a centre approved as in condition 4 above for at least 40 days immediately before shipment
- c. The embryos shall be :
 - i. collected and processed with all standard aseptic procedures being observed
 - ii. examine and certified to have an intact zona pellucida and were free of adherent materials at the time of collection and freezing
 - iii. were subjected to washing procedures and trypsin treatment procedures recommended by the International Embryo Transfer Society (I.E.T.S) and the Office International des Epizooties (O.I.E)
 - iv. placed in individual straws, sealed and properly identified

10. ENTRY CONDITIONS

- a. On arrival in the importing country the consignment will be checked by an Inspector under the relevant Animal Rules and, providing it complies with the conditions of the permit to import, it will be released to the importer
- b. A consignment which does not comply with the requirements of the permit will be held in bond at the port of entry and the particulars of it referred to the Director General Veterinary Services
- c. The importer must keep full records of embryos distributed and make these available to an inspector under the Animals Rules 1962 when required

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